

Application Serial No.: 10/618,643
Reply to Office Action dated January 14, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 are presently active in this case, Claims 5, 6, and 9-17 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present Amendment.

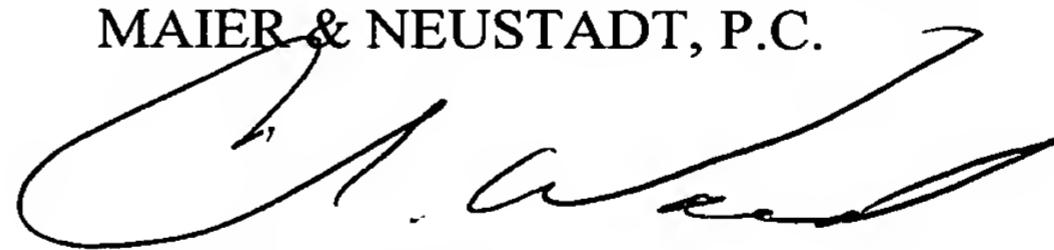
Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8 were indicated as being allowed.

All of the rejected claims have been canceled, thereby rendering all of the rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action moot with respect to the present application. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments set forth herein and allowance of the present application.

Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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